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Week ending July 10, 2011

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 10, 2011**. Light rains have provided temporary relief in some areas, but some of the state's agriculture is showing signs of stress from the excessive hot and dry conditions. More rain is needed across the state in order to diminish severe drought conditions. Soil moisture was rated 30 percent very short, 27 percent short, and 43 percent adequate.

Crop progress for week ending July 10, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, silked	98	94	99	99
Corn, dough	75	50	83	78
Corn, dent	28	--	50	35
Cotton, squaring	88	73	96	92
Cotton, setting bolls	25	7	64	45
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	55	52	49	52
Peanuts, pegging	69	58	66	57
Rice, headed	17	4	35	16
Sorghum, emerged	100	99	100	100
Sorghum, heading	48	22	60	66
Sorghum, coloring	9	--	12	10
Soybeans, emerged	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, blooming	78	55	85	88
Soybeans, setting pods	15	--	65	61
Sweet Potatoes, planted	98	96	100	100
Watermelons, harvested	59	40	77	73

Crop condition for week ending July 10, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	13	12	34	30	11
Cotton	2	9	23	53	13
Hay	25	25	32	18	0
Livestock	8	18	42	29	3
Pasture	22	24	31	20	3
Peanuts	0	1	39	51	9
Rice	0	3	33	48	16
Sorghum	1	5	26	63	5
Soybeans	4	8	24	52	12
Sweet Potatoes	4	9	26	42	19

Comments

- “Growers are irrigating all crops and spraying cotton for plant bugs. Most lay-by material has gone out.”

— Don Respress, Quitman
- “We missed the rain. Corn is starting to burn again and some beans and cotton are starting to show signs of stress from the dry weather. Pastures are even starting to burn up. We need a rain badly!

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada
- “Recent showers have offered much needed relief to crops but the seven day forecast is for continued dry hot conditions.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn
- “Much needed rain fell across the area last week with rain fall totals ranging from 0.2 to 3.0 inches. Plant bugs in cotton continued to be a significant problem. Worm population is starting to build in soybeans.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore
- “Crops are under severe stress from the drought and heat.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington
- “Recent rains have been very localized, with some communities still in need of rain to sustain crops.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala
- “Mississippi River flood waters are receding. Row crop producers along river are moving in equipment in preparation for planting soybeans, but have not had a report to date as to whether they have planted.”

— Ann H. Davis, Wilkinson

“Very little rain last week. All irrigated crops look good; just hoping the high temperatures break during pollination. Rice is beginning to head. Dryland crops are suffering.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Irrigated fields are holding up pretty good but dryland crops are suffering.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Extreme heat has caused forages, yards, row crops and gardens to dwindle to the non-productive stage very quickly. Spotted afternoon showers have provided some temporary relief that lasted a day or so. More intense heat is in the forecast for the next few weeks.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Rains are helping in fruiting crops but corn was too far gone. Insect pressures are low in sweetpotatoes. Nematodes are stunting the crop with no rescue treatment available.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Scattered showers across the area have brought much needed moisture to crops and pastures. Some areas received a little over an inch with others receiving no rainfall.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Hay crop is very short due to lack of rainfall and quality will be low. Soybeans are very late across the southeastern region due to late planting as result of low rainfall. We have just completed planting soybeans. MG IV soybeans planted early are very short with short internode distances and will not canopy. This group is setting pods but will not canopy for the most and harvest will be a problem. MG V soybeans are very young and look good but need rain to obtain adequate plant height. Corn is in terrible condition. Many fields are poorly pollinated with nearly no ears. Ear size and kernel count from the early planted corn is very low which will extrapolate to poor yield. Late planted corn (May) looks the best and has good pollination set but will need water to ensure further ear and grain development.”

— Carolyn Conger, Covington

“Conditions are very dry as the last rain was received two weeks ago. Pastures and lawns are nearly dead. There is intense heat every day and temperatures are near 100 at 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Cotton and peanuts are holding up well despite the heat. We will be lucky to get one good cutting of hay.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending July 10, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	95	69	82	82	0	0.05	-1.00	1	4.74
Cleveland	102	71	85	83	2	0.32	-0.70	2	1.90
Lambert 1W	98	71	84			0.17	-0.75	1	4.54
Tunica 2N	96	72	83	82	1	0.78	-0.20	1	3.03
Extreme/Average	102	69	84	82	2	0.33	-0.70	1	3.55
North-Central									
Calhoun City	96	69	82	80	2	0.03	-0.97	1	3.63
Hickory Flat	95	57	79	79	0	0.75	-0.34	2	5.45
Holly Springs	95	68	82	79	3	1.10	-0.02	3	5.73
Independence	94	69	81	80	1	0.93	-0.03	2	3.69
Oxford	96	70	83	80	3	1.89	0.91	3	5.87
Extreme/Average	96	57	81	80	1	0.89	-0.16	2	4.78
Northeast									
Booneville	92	69	81	79	2	1.03	0.05	1	5.40
Corinth 7SW	94	70	82	81	1	1.00	-0.00	3	6.32
Tupelo 2	94	71	82			0.37		2	4.38
Pontotoc Exp	93	70	82	80	2	1.48	0.36	3	4.73
Verona	96	70	83	81	2	0.49	-0.37	2	6.75
Extreme/Average	96	69	82	80	2	0.87	-0.17	2	5.52
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	97	71	84	82	2	0.05	-1.12	2	1.72
Greenville	99	73	86	82	4	0.00	-0.98	0	0.60
Moorhead	98	72	84	82	2	0.82	-0.34	3	2.49
Yazoo City	100	72	85	82	3	0.90	-0.05	2	2.75
Extreme/Average	100	71	85	82	3	0.44	-0.61	2	1.89
Central									
Canton 4N	99	69	82	82	0	3.94	3.10	2	5.90
Forest 3S	98	63	81	80	1	1.34	0.08	2	3.46
Kosciusko	98	70	84	81	3	0.13	-1.09	1	1.37
Winona 5E	98	67	81	78	3	2.54	1.49	3	3.54
Extreme/Average	99	63	82	80	2	1.99	0.94	2	3.57
East-Central									
Aberdeen	95	70	82	80	2	0.57	-0.35	1	4.52
Columbus	96	71	83	81	2	0.42	-0.63	1	4.27
Macon	97	69	81	81	0	0.70	-0.38	4	2.79
State University	98	69	83	81	2	0.05	-0.96	2	5.20
Extreme/Average	98	69	82	81	1	0.44	-0.61	2	4.20
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	97	69	82	80	2	0.10	-0.91	1	3.51
Crystal Springs	100	69	83	81	2	1.25	0.16	1	3.22
Natchez	100	69	83	81	2	0.10	-0.84	1	1.51
Port Gibson 1NE				80		1.24	0.25	2	2.91
Vicksburg City	100	73	85			0.83		2	1.52
Extreme/Average	100	69	83	81	2	0.70	-0.35	1	2.44
South-Central									
Collins	98	67	82	80	2	0.60	-0.49	2	2.50
Columbia	102	70	85	81	4	1.92	0.66	2	3.24
Monticello	104	69	85	81	4	1.10	0.03	2	4.44
Raleigh	96	67	81			0.19	0.00	2	0.56
Extreme/Average	104	67	83	81	2	0.95	-0.24	2	2.69
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	100	67	83	81	2	0.40	-0.84	3	1.44
Laurel	97	69	83	81	2	4.35	3.13	3	6.22
Waynesboro 2W	99	70	84	80	4	0.77	-0.46	2	2.61
Extreme/Average	100	64	83	81	2	1.83	0.59	3	3.88
State	104	57	83	81	2	1.02	-0.06	2	3.57

DFN = Departure from Normal.